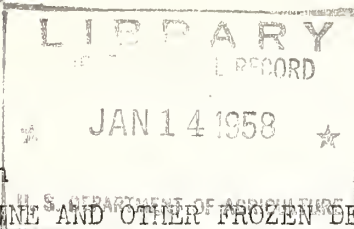


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MELLORINE AND OTHER FROZEN DESSERTS
MADE WITH FATS AND OILS OTHER THAN MILK-FAT

SEPTEMBER 1956

The Agricultural Marketing Service estimated the September production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than milk-fat at 2,865,000 gallons, or 10 percent smaller than the September output last year. Gains from a year ago in Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Montana were far more than offset by sharp losses in Illinois, Missouri, Texas and California. Oregon's output remained unchanged.

Between August and September, production dropped 23 percent, compared with a decline of 18 percent a year ago at this season and a decrease of 13 percent between these months in 1954. Losses from August to September this year were quite sharp in all states producing "Mellorine-type" frozen desserts.

During the first 9 months of 1956, Mellorine output totaled 26,200,000 gallons. This was almost the same as the production of that period in 1955, but was 2 percent more than the quantity made January through September 1954.

Mellorine production in September 1955 was estimated at 3,175,000 gallons, or 1 percent more than in September 1954. Sharp increases in Illinois, Alabama, Arkansas, Montana, and Oregon slightly more than offset decreases in Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and California.

Ice cream production this September was estimated at 54,060,000 gallons, or 6 percent less than a year earlier. In the first 9 months of 1956, output was 3 percent larger than in that period of 1955.

Sherbet production in September was indicated at 2,750,000 gallons -- 10 percent below a year ago. In the first 9 months of this year, output was down 4 percent from last year.

United States Production Of Mellorine And Other Frozen Desserts
Made With Fats And Oils Other Than Milk-fat, Jan.- September 1956, With Comparisons

Month	Enumerated Production			Estimated Production		Change 1955	Change 1956
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	from 1954	from 1955
	Thousand Gallons					Percent	
January	312	1,064	1,505	1,640	1,715	+ 9	+ 5
February	325	1,162	1,998	1,830	2,005	- 8	+ 10
March	428	1,607	2,342	2,560	2,710	+ 9	+ 6
April	567	1,767	2,724	2,640	2,640	- 3	0
May	1,024	2,201	2,707	3,320	3,395	+ 23	+ 2
June	1,411	3,139	3,628	3,575	3,645	- 1	+ 2
July	1,629	2,978	3,909	3,670	3,590	- 6	- 2
August	1,526	2,731	3,627	3,870	3,635	+ 7	- 6
September	1,363	2,582	3,139	3,175	2,865	+ 1	- 10
NINE MONTH TOTAL	8,585	19,231	25,579	26,280	26,200	+ 3	0

